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**TO THE U. S. MINISTER TO FRANCE J. MSS. (GOUVERNEUR MORRIS)**

Philadelphia, Apr. 20. 1793.

Dear Sir, — \* \* \* No country perhaps was ever so thoroughly against war as ours. These dispositions pervade every description of its citizens, whether in or out of Office. They cannot perhaps suppress their affections, nor their wishes. But they will suppress the effects of them so as to preserve a fair neutrality. Indeed we shall be more useful as neutrals than as parties by the protection which our flag will give to supplies of provision. In this spirit let all your assurances be given to the government with which you reside, I am with great & sincere esteem Dear Sir your most obedt & humble Servt.